

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): The re-configurable vehicle roof rack system defined in claim [36] wherein the at least one mounting element further includes a recess for receiving a bunge cord] 35 further comprising a side element defining a recess for receiving a bunge cord.

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Claim 38 (Currently Amended): The re-configurable vehicle roof rack system defined in claim [36] 35 further comprising a first track element and a second track element defining the lateral edges of the storage surface;

a hinge bar affixed between the first track element and the second track element; and

a collapsible rail hingedly affixed to the hinge bar wherein the collapsible rail folds down to provide for the mounting of oversized objects along the top of the vehicle when the storage surface is in the first position.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The re-configurable vehicle roof rack system defined in claim 38, wherein the collapsible rail is raised when the collapsible storage surface is deployed along the side of the vehicle whereby the collapsible is operative to vertically support objects mounted on the deployed storage surface.